NOT FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

LABORERS' LOCAL UNION NOS. 472 & 172; LABORERS' LOCAL UNION NOS. 472 & 172 WELFARE AND PENSION FUNDS AND SAFETY, EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDS; ZAZZALI, FAGELLA, NOWAK, KLEINBAU & FRIEDMAN, P.A.,

Civ. No. 12-6990

OPINION

Petitioners,

v.

HIGHWAY SAFETY SYSTEMS,

Respondent.

THOMPSON, U.S.D.J.

This matter has come before the Court on a Motion to Confirm the Arbitration Award brought by Petitioners Laborers' Local Union Nos. 472 & 172; Laborers' Local Union Nos. 472 & 172 Welfare and Pension Funds and Safety, Education and Training Funds; and Zazzali, Fagella, Nowak, Kleinbaum & Friedman, P.A. [Docket # 2]. This motion is unopposed by Respondent Highway Safety Systems. The Court has decided this matter after considering the parties' written submissions and without holding oral argument pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 78(b).

Upon review of the submitted materials, this Court finds that Respondent is bound by a collective bargaining agreement ("CBA") with Petitioner Laborer's Local Union Nos. 472 & 172 Benefit Funds ("Funds"). [1, Petition to Confirm Arbitration Award at ¶ 2]. Under the CBA, controversies concerning delinquent payments to the Funds are submitted to arbitration. [*Id.* at ¶

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3]. Respondent was delinquent in making required payments under the CBA. [Id., Ex. B]. After

due notice to Respondent, the arbitrator held a hearing on July 26, 2012, and issued a written

award dated that same day. [Id. at $\P 4$].

Pursuant to 9 U.S.C. § 9, this Court has jurisdiction to enforce the awards of arbitrators.

Having considered the written submissions of Petitioners; and in light of Respondent's failure to

oppose the motion; and for good cause shown, the Court grants Petitioners' Motion to Confirm

the Arbitration Award. An appropriate order accompanies this opinion.

/s/Anne E. Thompson

ANNE E. THOMPSON, U.S.D.J.

Date: December <u>7</u>, 2012

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